

Minutes

Talbot County Board of Elections
215 Bay Street
Easton, MD 21601
October 6, 2021

Present:

Board Members Present

Joseph H. Secrist, President	(R)
Walter Black	(D)
Richard B. Bulman	(R)
Wadella Thomas *	(R)
Susan MacKinnon *	(D)

Board Attorney

Curt Booth attending in the absence of Lyndsey Ryan.

Public

None

* Via video conferencing. Ms. Thomas joined the meeting during the closed session.

A special meeting of the Talbot County Board of Elections was held on October 6, 2021 in Conference Room # One at the Board office indicated above. Mr. Secrist called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Secrist noted that a quorum was present. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss in Closed Session personnel matters.

Closed Session

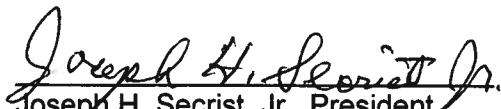
Mr. Black moved that the Board go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters that affects one or more specific individuals as permitted under General Provisions Art. 3-305(b) (1). Mr. Bulman seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Whereupon the Board went into closed session at 9:05 a.m.

At 10:43 a.m. the Board returned to open session. President Secrist reported that the Board took action to respond to a personnel filing by an employee. The Board also discussed personnel issues occasioned by the announced retirement of the Election Director. The Board approved the minutes of the Closed Meetings of August 18, 2021 and September 15, 2021.

Adjournment

Mr. Black moved adjournment of the meeting. Ms. Thomas seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Attested,


Joseph H. Secrist, Jr., President

Respectfully submitted,


Richard B. Bulman, Secretary

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.

1. Recorded vote to close the meeting: Date: 10/6/21; Time: 9:05 AM; Location: Conference Rm 1, 215 Bay St., Easton, MD 21601; Motion to close meeting made by: Mr. Black Seconded by Mr. Bulman; Members in favor: Secrist, Black, Bulman, MacKinnon; Opposed: None Abstaining: None; Absent: Thomas.

**2. Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:**

(1) X "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2)___ "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3)___ "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4)___ "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5)___ "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6)___ "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7)___ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8)___ "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9)___ "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10)___ "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11)___ "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12)___ "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13)___ "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14)___ "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15)___ "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (1)	Personnel Action	Consider Employee Appeal of Disciplinary Action
§3-305(b) (1)	Personnel Action	Election Director recruitment topics
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4. This statement is made by Joseph Secrist, Presiding Officer.

Joseph H. Secrist Jr.

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)

- For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: _____

Place: _____

Purpose(s): _____

Members who voted to meet in closed session: _____

Persons attending closed session: _____

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: _____

Topics actually discussed: _____

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

- For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: _____

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____